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1. EMBOFF MET WITH MFA CYPRUS-GREECE DEPDIR
GUVENDIREN AUG 31 AND SEPT 2 TO DISCUSS THE UNFICYP/
TURKISH CYPRIOT AGREEMENT (REFTELS). GUVENDIREN MADE
THESE PRINCIPAL POINTS:

A. THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS
AND UN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, THE AGREEMENT IS
READY FOR SIGNATURE, AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS ARE ANXIOUS
TO SIGN. HOWEVER, THE UN IS "DRAGGING ITS FEET", SAYING
THAT THE DOCUMENT IS UNDER REVIEW BY UNSYG WALDHEIM.
MEANWHILE, UN OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO GET TURKISH CYPRIOT
CONCESSIONS ON OTHER TOPICS (SUCH AS THE DEMILITARIZED
ZONE) IN RETURN FOR SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT.

B. TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH, UN SPEC REP
PEREZ DE CUELLAR, AND THEIR PRINCIPAL SUBORDINATES MET
AUG 31 IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. THAT MEETING
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WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, AND ANOTHER HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR

MONDAY, SEPT 7.

C. UNLESS AND UNTIL THE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED, THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WILL NOT RPT NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HUMANITARIAN TALKS. THE GOT'S REASONING IS THAT THE HUMANITARIAN TALKS WOULD BE SIMPLY A PROPAGANDA VEHICLE FOR THE GREEK CYPRIOTS IF THERE WERE NO AGREEMENT PROVIDING THE MEANS FOR UNFICYP TO CONFIRM OR DENY CLAIMS THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE BEING FORCIBLY EXPELLED FROM THE NORTH. (EMBOFF NOTED THE GOT'S POSITION HAD HARDENED, BECAUSE IN AN EARLIER DISCUSSION OF THE HUMANITARIAN TALKS, AS REPORTED IN ANKARA 6353, GUVENDIREN HAD NOT RPT NOT SAID THAT SIGNING OF THE UNFICYP AGREEMENT WAS A PREREQUISITE TO TURKISH CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION IN THE TALKS. GUVENDIREN CONFIRMED THAT THE POSITION HAD INDEED HARDENED.)

D. THE TURKISH SIDE IS INCREASINGLY RESENTFUL OF THE UN'S BEHAVIOR IN CYPRUS. WHILE RELATIONS WITH PEREZ DE CUELLAR ARE GOOD, RELATIONS ARE WORSENING WITH UNFICYP OFFICERS, WHO MAKE THEIR ANTI-TURKISH BIAS PLAIN IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, FROM THE TERMS THEY EMPLOY IN CORRESPONDENCE TO THEIR WILLINGNESS TO GIVE UP OBSERVATION POSTS ON THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE WHILE REFUSING SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. IF THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND UNFICYP-- BEGINNING WITH THE AGREEMENT NOW AWAITING SIGNATURE--CANNOT BE IRONED OUT BY THE TIME OF UNFICYP'S RENEWAL IN DECEMBER, THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS MAY REFUSE TO LET UNFICYP CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN THEIR AREA.

2. GUVENDIREN VOICED HIS PERSONAL BELIEF THAT WALDHEIM, CONCERNED ABOUT SUPPORT FOR HIS OWN REELECTION, IS COURTING MAKARIOS BECAUSE OF THE LATTER'S INFLUENCE IN THE THIRD WORLD.

3. GUVENDIREN ALSO SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE NEW GREEK-CYPRIOT ACCORD, THERE WAS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE THAT A MAJOR DISRUPTIVE DEBATE OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE COULD BE AVOIDED AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, GUVENDIREN SAID THAT SUCH A DEBATE WOULD DO LITTLE REAL DAMAGE TO TURKISH INTERESTS. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID TURKISH AND TURKISH-CYPRIOT PUBLIC OPINION WOULD REQUIRE SOME KIND OF

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RESPONSE. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE SAID DEMANDS COULD INCLUDE THE IMMEDIATE SETTLING OF VAROSHA AND POSSIBLY EVEN A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (UDI) BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS.
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